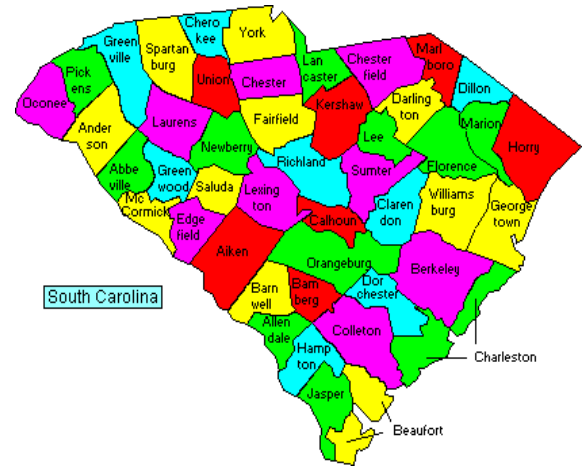# Spotlight on South Carolina…

Location & Climate

South Carolina, located in the Southeastern region of the
United States, is bordered by Georgia, North Carolina,
and the Atlantic Ocean. The state is made up of 46 counties
over a land mass of approximately 30,111 square miles.
While the coastal climate is humid-subtropical, the inland regions
experience a more moderate climate. Rainfall in the Palmetto State
is typically abundant and well distributed throughout the state. With
mountains to the west and a shoreline to the east, South Carolina
possesses a variety of natural resources and picturesque beauty.
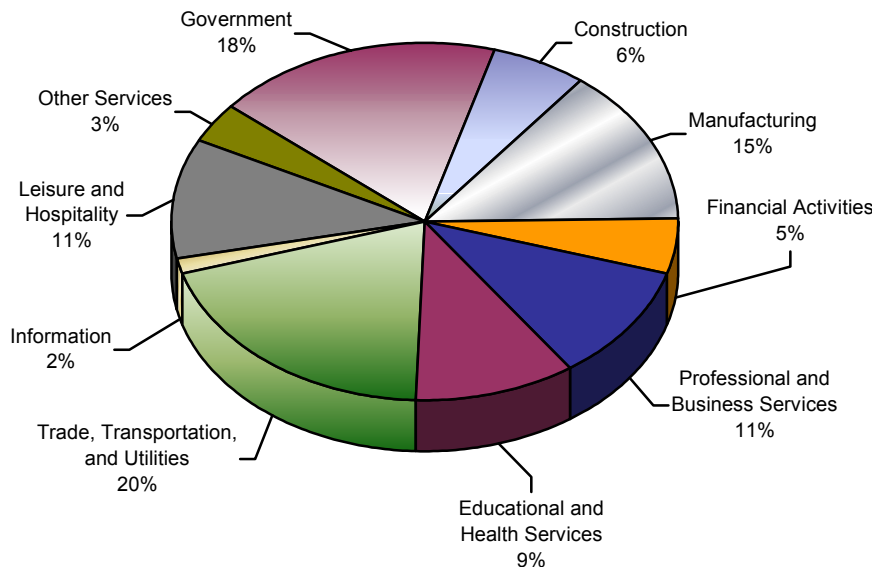

Population
Total population estimated as of July 1, 2005: 4,255,083.
Greenville County had the highest population at 407,383.
McCormick County had the lowest population at 10,108.

Labor Force
The labor force in South Carolina increased to 2,072,173 in 2005.
South Carolina's unemployment rate for 2005 was 6.8 percent; nationally the unemployment rate was 5.1
percent in 2005. In 2005, Marion County had the highest unemployment rate at 13.8% and Beaufort the lowest
at 4.5%.

Employment
In 2005 S.C. had an estimated 1,789,544 jobs in these industries:

Per Capita Income
In 2005, the state's per capita income – total income divided by the total resident population grew by 4.3
percent to $28,352. By comparison, U.S. per capita income rose 4.6 percent to $34,586. Beaufort County had
the highest per capita income at $34,814 and Allendale County the lowest at $17,221.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits
In 2005, unemployment insurance benefits paid in South Carolina reached a total of $331,890,187.